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House No. HB0766
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, to create
the Tennessee Passenger Railroad Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 6 of this act as a new chapter thereto.

SECTION 2. There is hereby created the Tennessee passenger railroad commission. The commission shall be attached to the public service commission for administrative purposes.

SECTION 3. It shall be the purpose and the duty of the Tennessee passenger railroad commission to promote and develop proposals to encourage the availability and use of passenger rail service in Tennessee. In particular, the commission shall encourage the development of passenger rail service from Memphis, Tennessee east to Bristol, Tennessee.

SECTION 4. (a) The Tennessee passenger railroad commission shall consist of the mayors of the four (4) largest metropolitan cities or their designees and three (3) citizen members appointed by the governor. The citizen members shall serve for three (3) years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. No citizen member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

(b) No member shall receive per diem for attending any meetings of the commission but shall receive reimbursement for their travel expenses in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general.

SECTION 5. The Tennessee public service commission shall provide to the commission, from its existing staff, a staff member whose primary responsibility is to carry out the purposes of the commission, and other staff support as necessary.

SECTION 6. The commission shall meet at least three (3) times each year in such place and time as the commission should decide to review issues identified and recommendations made. At least one (1) of the meetings of the commission shall be in Nashville.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.